Agencies involved in completion of Bangalore International Airport Project

1360. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a deadline of 2008 for the completion of Bangalore International Airport has been stipulated by Government;

(b) if so, whether it would be possible to raise this massive infrastructure in the stipulated time especially when the existing airport handles only half a dozen flights a day, witnesses long queues of passengers and improper functioning of the conveyor belts;

(c) whether any specific agency or consortium of agencies has been identified to undertake this job within the stipulated period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Greenfield airport at Devanhalli near Bangalore is being implemented on a Build Own Operate and Transfer (BOOT) basis with Public Private Participation. Government of Karnataka (GoK) and Airports Authority of India (AAI) together hold 26% equity and the strategic joint venture partners (a consortium led by Siemens, Germany with Unique Zurich, Switzerland and Larsen & Toubro India Limited) hold the balance 74%. The above Joint Venture Company as per the Concession Agreement has to complete the construction within the stipulated time.

Survey of facilities at Airports

1361. DR. KARAN SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether survey rating conducted for his Ministry has revealed that both of India's premier airports of Delhi and Mumbai fell even below average for Asian airports;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has engaged an agency of International Air Transport System for survey;

(c) what are the detailed reports in the survey about facilities (availability of trolleys and parking etc.) service delivery, courtesy of airport staff, environmental factors, connectivity and navigation;

(d) whether Government have considered the proposals contained in the survey; and

(e) if so, what steps Government propose to take to improve these services at airports to make it at least at par with Asian airports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has conducted a survey through the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and Airport International Council (ACI) for ascertaining Customer Satisfaction Level of Mumbai and Delhi airports and benchmarking them against the best airports of the Middle East/Asia Pacific. For July-Spetember (2005) quarter the survey has rated Mumbai airport as 2.99 (for international operation) and 3.22 (for domestic operations) and Delhi airport 2.78 (for international operations) and 3.01 (for domestic operations) on a five point scale.

(c) The details of the ratings are as follows:---

Availability of trolleys:

Mumbai (3.54—international operations & 3.58—domestic operations) Delhi (3.03—international operations & 3.51—domestic operations); Parking; Mumbai (3.15—international operations & 2.83—domestic operations) Delhi (2.58—international operations & 2.84 domestic operations) Courtesy of airport staff; Mumbai (3.26 international operations & 3.36 domestic operations) Delhi (2.96—international operations & 3.20 domestic operations) Connectivity: Mumbai (2.85—international operations & 2.82 domestic operations) Delhi (2.70 international operations & 2.96 domestic operations). The survey did not cover environmental factors and air navigation.

(d) and (e) A senior level officer at Chairman's Headquarters of AAI has been appointed for monitoring the results of the survey and

also for taking prompt remedial measures in respect of various shortcomings pointed out in this regard.

Privatisation of airports

1362. SHRI DARA SINGH:
SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to privatise some of the airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the airports selected for privatization;

(d) the amount likely to be earned from this move; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to safeguard the interests of the employees likely to be affected by privatization?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) Government has decided to modernise and develop, Delhi and Mumbai airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI) through Joint Venture (JV) route with private sector participation, in which AAI and other Government Public Sector Undertakings would hold 26% equity and the remaining 74% equity would be held by the Joint Venture Partner(s). The earnings would be in the form of one time lumpsum fee, annual concession fee, dividends, capital gains etc. spread out during the concession period. The amount perse cannot be estimated at this stage.

(e) AAI would provide operational support to the Joint Venture Companies through its general employees for a period of 3 years. Three months prior to the expiry of this three years period, the JVCs shall make offers of employment to these general employees. The employees who decline the offers of employment made by JVCs and those employees, for whom offers of employment are not made by JVCs, would continue to be on the roll of AAI.